CHAPTER IV—ADMINISTRATION OF LAND

(i) Land Revenue

(1st July 1957 to 30th June 1958).

Bangalore Division.

Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions.

643. There was considerable decrease in the rainfall in all the districts of Bangalore Division. The rainfall was untimely and unevenly distributed and there was also failure of rains in some parts of Bangalore, Tumkur and Kolar districts. Thus, both dry and wet crops were affected in these parts resulting in moderate harvest.

644. There prevailed distress conditions in some parts of Bangalore, Tumkur and Kolar districts. Distress Relief Works such as road works, desilting of tanks etc., were undertaken as per the suggestions of the Distress Relief Committees.

645. The staple food grains were available in the market. The prices of commodities were almost steady during the scarcity season. Fair Price Depots were also opened in some parts to cause good supply of food grains to people.

646. The public health was generally good except the prevalence of small-pox and flue in some parts. Precautionary measures were taken in time to check the spread of diseases.

647. There was scarcity for water for men and cattle in parts of Mulbagal, Kolar, Bangalore, Srinivaspur, Bagepalli and Goribidanur taluks. Immediate steps were taken to sink temporary wells in the affected parts to provide water to men and cattle.

648. Due to heavy rains in May 1957, there were floods in Syagalhalla and Sulekerehalla and consequently there was heavy loss and damage to crops and other properties in Harihar and Davangere taluks. The total loss caused under all heads was Rs. 1,51,160.

Labour and Wages.

649. Labour was generally available and labouring classes were getting sufficient labour throughout the districts of Bangalore Division.

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Emigration and Immigration.

650. There was no unusual movement of labour either within or from and into Bangalore Division in search of food or employment or due to other reasons during the year.

651. Labour classes found sufficient employment throughout the year.

Accidental Fires.

652. There were 508 cases of accidental fires during the year resulting in a loss of 13 human lives, 160 cattle and of property estimated at Rs. 3,80,296.

Assessed waste land available for cultivation.

653. Out of the total extent of 3,15,559 acres of assessed waste land available for cultivation at the commencement of the year, an extent of 16,525 acres and 37 guntas (17,758 acres and 36 guntas) was taken up with an assessment of Rs. 15,337-40 (Rs. 12,743—79) for cultivation.

654. On the whole, there was a net increase of 16,411-03 acres in the extent taken up for cultivation and there was an increase in the assessment to the tune of Rs. 15,089-65.

Allienation of State Lands.

655. A total extent of 182 acres and 14 guntas (120 acres and 5½ guntas) of lands were alienated during the year.

Amrit Mahal Kaval Lands.

656. Out of a total extent of 61,433 acres and 34 guntas of land available for disposal, an extent of 967 acres and 27 guntas was disposed of, leaving a balance of 60,466 acres and 7 guntas.

657. There were no Amrit Mahal Kaval lands in the Districts of Bangalore, Kolar and Bellary.

Date reserved land.

658. Out of a total extent of 35,133 acres and 5 guntas of date reserve lands available for disposal during the year, an extent of 882 acres and 18 guntas of land was disposed of during the year leaving a balance of 34,250 acres and 27 guntas for disposal at the end of the year.

isafforested Area.

659. Out of a total extent of 9,243 acres and 10 guntas of disafforested land available for disposal in the districts except Bellary during the year, an extent of only 57 acres and 9 guntas was disposed of for cultivation.

660. Out of an extent of 92,070 acres and 10 guntas of disafforested land available for disposal in the Bellary District during the year, an extent of 466 acres and 10 guntas was disposed of for cultivation.

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Darkhasts

661. Out of 28,114 darkhasts cases including 5,199 cases of previous year, 16,107 (6,450 by rejection and 9,657 by grant) were disposed of leaving a balance of 12,007 at the close of the year.

662. The total extent of land disposed of during the year was 25,359 acres and 32½ guntas (47,501 acres and 36 guntas), the total amount realised thereon being Rs. 1,22,904—72 (Rs. 3,92,516—32).

663. The total assessment levied on this extent was Rs. 22,262—43 (Rs. 33,368—08).

Grants under the Grow More Food Scheme.

664. The total extent of land granted under the Grow More Food Scheme from the beginning till the close of the scheme is 2,93,582 acres and 31 guntas. Out of these grants an extent of 91,660 acres has been cancelled for the violation of the conditions of the grant. An extent of 84,822 acres and 4 guntas has been confirmed.

665. The scheme for the grant of subsidy for the construction of irrigation wells continued in force during the year, fixing the amount of subsidy per well to Rs. 250 subject to the existing conditions.

Subsidy for construction of irrigation wells.

666. Out of a total of 1,450 applications received for grant of subsidy for construction of irrigation wells, 1,086 applications were disposed of. Out of Rs. 1,30,000 allotted to the districts in this Division for grant, a sum of Rs. 94,742—50 was actually disbursed to the grantees.

Loans for construction of irrigation wells.

667. Out of 106 loan applications for construction of irrigation wells during the year, 51 applications were disposed of. Out of Rs. 1,21,350 allotted to Bangalore Division, a sum of Rs. 30,437 was disbursed to the applicants.

Grant of lands under Depressed Class Concession Rules.

668. Out of 4,617 applications for grant of land, 2,752 applications were disposed of leaving a balance of 1,865 cases at the end of the year. An extent of 6,866 acres and 67 guntas of land were granted under Depressed Class Concession Rules.

Grant of land under Military Concession Rules.

669. An extent of 45 acres of land were granted under Military Concession Rules to 104 applicants.

Area under occupation and area cropped.

670. There has been a decrease in the area under occupation as well as in the area cropped when compared to that of the previous year. The percentage of fallow land to that of the area under occupation during the year was 16·8 (13·5).

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Out-turn of Select Crops.

671. The average out-turn of paddy and cholam for the year remained almost the same as that of previous year but in respect of sugarcane there is a slight increase. There is a slight decrease in case of ragi and horsegram.

672. There is increase in the area under cultivation of paddy, horsegram, jawar and cotton and a slight decrease in respect of ragi and sugarcane during the year when compared with that of the previous year.

Land under Vani Vilas Sagar

673. The total extent of land irrigated under Vani Vilas Sagar Channels have been limited to 11,001 acres and 18 guntas. No extent of land has been included in the block area during the year and no extent was excluded from the block area.

674. Out the total demand of Rs. 1,05,553 including the arrears, a sum of Rs. 93,674 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 11,878.

Irrigation under Marconahalli Reservoir

675. The total atchkat under Marconahalli Reservoir in 34 villages is 14,063 acres and 7 guntas out of which an extent of 1,767 acres and 7 guntas is covered by dry belt zone area and 12,296 acres are occupied lands.

676. Out of a total demand of Rs. 6,05,922.26 (Rs. 7,02,373-08), a sum of Rs. 2,08,654-72 (Rs.1,83,863-71) (including remission) was collected during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 3,97,267-55.

Demand, Collection and Balance of Land Revenue inclusive of Land Revenue Miscellaneous

677. The total demand under arears inclusive of Land Revenue Miscellaneous for the year was Rs. 1,12,11,766 (Rs. 1,10,87,965). A total sum of Rs. 99,07,501 (Rs. 98,43,778) was collected including remission during the year.

678. The arrears at the beginning of the year was Rs. 12,51,656 (Rs. 12,72,295) of which a total sum of Rs. 7,51,677 (Rs. 7,61,376) including remission was collected during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 4,99,979 (Rs. 5,10,959) at the close of the year.

679. The current demand under Land Revenue inclusive of Land Revenue Miscellaneous for the year was Rs. 99,60,110 (Rs. 98,15,670) of which a sum of Rs. 91,55,823 (Rs. 90,82,432) was collected during the year. The percentage of collections under Current Demand during the year for the Division was 93·00 (91·6).

680. The total number of processes of all kind served was 67,268 (80,716) and the amount realised was Rs. 7,22,332-54 (Rs. 9,63,763—21). Coercive Processes

681. A sum of Rs. 1,49,740, Rs. 2,69,500 and Rs. 400 were distributed under Land Improvement, Takavi and Fruit Culture, respectively, Loans.

682. Under Takavi Loans, 1,903 applications for a loan of Rs. 6,17,475 were dealt with during the year. A sum of Rs. 2,50,420 was sanctioned for 1,174 applicants and 363 applications for a sum of Rs. 1,90,175 remained undisposed at the close of the year. Three hundred and sixty-six applications were rejected as they did not fulfil the conditions of the grant. Takavi Loans

683. A sum of Rs. 5,93,210—34 was collected during the year out of a total demand of Rs, 14,27,413.17 (including the arrears of previous years) leaving a balance of Rs. 8,34,202-43 at the close of the year.

684. Out of 759 applications for a sum of Rs. 5,06,750 as Land Improvement Loans, 418 applications for a sum of Rs. 1,10,060 were pending sanction and the remaining 145 applications were rejected as they did not satisfy the conditions of the grant. Land Improvement Loan.

685. A sum of Rs. 2,85,219—30 was collected during the year out of a demand of Rs. 14,97,899—08 inclusive of the arrears of previous years.

686. The Record of Rights Scheme has been introduced into all Government villages as well as to some Inam Villages which have been surveyed and settled. Record of Rights.

687. Out of a demand of Rs. 3,50,830—26 including arrears of Rs. 1,34,895-47, a sum of Rs. 1,90,322-33 was collected during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 1,60,507—93 at the end of the year. Mutation fees

688. Out of 2,59,909 mutation cases inclusive of 78,824 cases pending from the previous year, 1,68,781 cases were disposed of.

689. There were in all 1,515 major and 6,002 minor tanks in the Bangalore Division. Tanks.

690. There were 175 chowtayi tanks in this Division. Chowtayi Tanks.

691. Out of 52,798 cases of Takrar Takthas for disposal during the year including 12,800 pending from the previous year, 39,121 cases were disposed of. Takrar Takthas.

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Avenue Trees.

692. During the year, 1,42,055 avenue trees were planted in this Division. The largest number of trees planted being 74,877 in the Bangalore District.

693. The implementation of the Inam Abolition Act started in the previous year was being proceeded with and the work in respect of the Inam villages notified in the previous year was coming to a close.

Mysore Division.

Rainfall and Seasonal conditions.

694. Owing to the failure of mungar rains in the early part of the year the sowing of Jola was delayed in some taluks of Mysore District. The seasonal conditions were good throughout the Mandya District during the 1st half of the year and during the 2nd half of the year the conditions were unsatisfactory due to failure of timely rains. Mungar crops like Kar-ragi and Kar-paddy failed during the year, as there was untimely rainfall.

695. Fodder and water was available during the year. Public Health was generally good. Cattle was reported to be generally healthy.

Distress Relief

696. Except in Mysore and Mandya Districts there were no scarcity conditions anywhere in the Division. The seasonal conditions were not satisfactory in the latter part of the year owing to failure of rains which necessitated the starting of relief works in Mysore and Mandya Districts.

697. An allotment of Rs. 2,00,000 was sanctioned to Mysore District for starting relief works in places of real need. A sum of Rs. 82,859 was actually spent during the year. The rest of the allotment was not spent as the seasonal conditions improved and no relief works were undertaken between April and June 1958.

698. An allotment of Rs. 67,500 was sanctioned to Mandya District, out of which Rs. 48,718 was spent on relief works. A sum of Rs. 5,000 under "54 Famine D" gratuitous relief was sanctioned to Mandya District also.

699. The concessions granted from year to year by way of land improvement loan, takkavi loan and short term loan were liberally extended during the year also.

700. The requirements of Agriculturists such as implements, zinc sheets, cart materials, improved varieties

of seeds and manure were made available to ryots from Agricultural Depots and Co-operative Societies.

701. Ryots were supplied with oil engines, pump sets, electric power given at concession rates and tractors were also supplied on Hire Purchase System.

Labour and Wages.

702. Labour was generally available and employment was provided to the local and immigrant labourers by the several Industrial concerns. The wage rates of skilled and unskilled labour remained more or less the same as in the previous year.

Emigration and Immigration.

703. There was no unusual movement of people either from or into the districts of the Division during the year. It is reported that there was inflow of labour from Andhra and Madras States for employment in large irrigation works *viz.*, Lakkavalli, Ambligola, Sharavathi Valley Projects and Tunga Anicuts. Immigrant labour from South Kanara and Malabar have settled in Chickmagalur District particularly in Tea and Coffee Estates. On the whole, the Labour classes had generally sufficient work in all the districts of this Division.

Alienation of State Lands.

704. A total extent of 3,421 acres of land was alienated during the year.

Amrit Mahal Kaval lands.

705. Out of an extent of 89,025 acres and 6 guntas of land available at the beginning of the year in Amrit Mahal Kaval Lands, an extent of 4,657 acres and 21 guntas of land has been disposed of leaving a balance of 84,367 acres and 25 guntas of land at the end of the year.

Dharkhasts.

706. Out of 16,822 Dharkhasts, 8,211 have been disposed of leaving a balance of 8,611 at the close of the year and the amount realised being Rs. 3,08,759.

Grow More Food Scheme.

707. The total extent of land granted under the Grow More Food Scheme was 1,04,536 acres.

708. Out of the total amount of Rs. 1,85,000 allotted to the five districts of Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Chickmagalur and Shimoga, for construction of irrigation wells, a sum of Rs. 15,150 was disbursed.

Area under occupation and area cropped.

709. The total area under occupation during the year was 41,13,732—29 (40,73,972—16) acres showing a net increase of 1,64,487—73 acres.

710. The net area cropped during the year was 33,39,820—06 (31,74,231—25) acres.

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Area under selected crops.

711. There was an increase in the total extent of land cultivated under selected crops during the year.

Visvesvaraya Canal.

712. The entire channel lengths of Visvesvaraya Canal, (Main), Maddur, Cauvery Branches and several distributary channels continued to be in service during the year.

Finance.

713. The total demand with arrears under Land Revenue inclusive of Land Revenue Miscellaneous for the year was Rs. 94,84,851 (Rs. 94,20,643).

714. A total sum of Rs. 83,31,090 inclusive of remission and amounts written off as irrecoverable of Rs. 1,21,129 was collected during the year.

Current Demand.

715. Out of current demand of Rs. 83,59,765 under Land Revenue inclusive of Land Revenue Miscellaneous, a sum of Rs. 77,29,472 including a remission of Rs. 99,561 was collected during the year.

Coercive Processes.

716. The total number of processes of all kinds served was 38,115 (35,700) and the amount realised was Rs. 5,14,217 (Rs. 4,57,780).

Takavi Loan.

717. Out of 3,000 applications for a loan of Rs. 8,75,085 during the year, 988 applications involving a sum of Rs. 1,73,800 were sanctioned.

718. Out of a demand of Rs. 5,85,193-37 including the arrears of previous year, a sum of Rs. 3,17,116-20 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 2,68,077-17.

Land Improvement Loan.

719. Out of 1,020 applications for a sum of Rs. 5,61,085, a number of 352 applications involving a sum of Rs. 96,900 was sanctioned during the year.

720. Out of a total demand of Rs. 1,69,481-69 including the arrears of previous year, a sum of Rs. 71,236-65 was recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 98,245-04.

Record of Rights.

721. Record of Rights Scheme has been introduced into all the Government villages as well as to some of the Inam Villages which have been surveyed and settled. The New Mysore Land Record of Rights Act (Act No. 17 of 1958) came into force on the 5th day of June 1958.

722. Out of a total demand of Rs. 3,29,013 under mutation fees including arrears pending at the beginning of the year, a sum of Rs. 1,90,688 was collected during the year.

Chowthaye Tanks.

723. There were 15 Chowthaye tanks in addition to one Ane and one Channel in the Division.

724. Out of a total 34,969 Takrar Takta cases for disposal including cases pending from the previous year, 27,106 cases were disposed of during the year. Takrar Takthas.

725. During the year, 82,483 avenue trees were planted in this Division, the largest number of trees planted being in Mysore District.

Belgaum Division.

726. The early rains helped summer agricultural operations and were useful for the timely sowing of Khariff crops in Belgaum District. The crop condition was generally good throughout the District. Due to heavy rains in October and November 1957, the standing Khariff crops were affected in three villages of Sampagaon Taluka.

727. Due to untimely rains in Bijapur Taluka the Khariff sowing was late. Due to insufficient rains Rabi crops were not up to the standard. On the whole the season was fair in almost all the talukas.

728. In Dharwar District the timely rains helped the Khariff crops. The rainfall during the months of September and October 1957 was beneficial for the growth of Khariff crops and for the sowing of Rabi crops except in Hirekerur, Shiggaon, Ranibennur, Haveri, Hanagal, Hubli Talukas and Kundgol Mahal where khariff jowar, chilli crops and groundnut suffered due to excess rains in October 1957 resulting in below normal yield.

729. In Karwar District the rainfall during the year was well distributed and beneficial to the crops.

730. Supply of drinking water was adequate throughout the Division. The supply of fodder was on the whole adequate throughout the Belgaum Division.

731. Out of the net Revenue Demand of Rs. 1,33,68,071-83, a sum of Rs. 1,31,21,209-89 was collected. The percentage of collection was 98. Revenue Collection

732. The total occupied area of the Division was 1,34,63,986 (1,34,59,348) acres. Occupied area.

733. As a result of the rising tendency of prices of principal goods, the cost of cultivation, etc., rose to some extent.

734. There was no dearth of agricultural labour in any part of the Division.

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735. There was no scarcity condition in any of talukas of the Division.

Gulbarga Division.

Distress and Relief work.

736. In Bidar District, no distress and relief work was undertaken during the year. Since crops had failed in Raichur District, a sum of Rs. 2,85,000 was sanctioned, out of which a sum of Rs. 2,26,583-30 was utilised during the year.

737. In Gulbarga District, Rs. 4,42,152 was sanctioned for famine and distress relief work. Out of which Rs. 2,86,250-38 was utilised.

Darkhast.

738. Out of 781 applications for Darkhast, 616 applications were disposed of and 6,084 acres and 18 guntas of land has been assigned.

Takkavi.

739. During the year, a sum of Rs. 8,15,275-08 was sanctioned as Takkavi under different heads. Out of 9,879 applications received, 8,499 applications were sanctioned and the number of persons who were benefited was 8,648.

Repairs to nks Kuntas.

740. There were 248 major tanks and 813 minor tanks in this Division. During the year, 7 major tanks and 15 minor tanks have been restored.

Takrar Takhtas.

741. Out of 2,008 Takrar cases, 1,823 cases were disposed of.

742. A sum of Rs. 1,06,117 was levied as penalty for unauthorised use of water in Raichur District.

743. Due to failure of Khariff and Rabi crops in the year 1956-57, 40 famine works were taken up in Gulbarga District. An amount of Rs. 4,42,152 was sanctioned for relief, of which an amount of Rs. 2,86,250 was utilised.

744. In Raichur District six famine works were taken up, for which a sum of Rs. 2,85,000 was sanctioned. Out of which, Rs. 2,26,583-30 was utilised during the year.

745. The main canal of Tungabhadra Project runs through the talukas of Koppal, Gangavathi and Sindhnoor of Raichur District. The construction of distributaries and channels was almost complete in Koppal and Gangavathi and the work in Sindhnoor Taluka was in progress. The water was let out up to distributary No. 38. The total area brought under irrigation so far is 28,659·20 acres.

746. In Gulbarga the total cultivable, uncultivable area and fallow land were 31,94,367·31, 4,69,916·36 and

29,682-33 acres respectively. The Inam area was 2,39,958-10 acres.

747. The total number of protected tenants in the District was 54,023 and the total holdings of them were 9,76,207 acres and 34 guntas. Tenancy.

748. Special Harijan Housing Scheme was implemented in Yadgir Division. A sum of Rs. 9,000 was sanctioned for each taluka for the purpose from the Social Service Department. A sum of Rs. 15,000 was sanctioned for five Housing Project Villages in Community Development Block, Yadgir. Harijan Housing Scheme.

(ii) Land Records, Survey and Settlement.

Work in Inam Villages.

749. Detailed survey work was conducted in 245 (22) villages comprising of an area of 60,590 acres and 22 guntas (10,709 acres and 29 guntas) involving 15,332 (2,394) blocks. Original Survey Work

750. Original classification work was done in 241 (18) villages, involving 15,727 (1,883) blocks with an extent of 53,742 acres and 30 guntas (9,576 acres and 37 guntas). Original Classification

751. Boundary marks were erected in 14,475 (2,438) Survey Numbers involving in 239 (17) villages. Erection of Boundary Marks

752. Hissa survey work was conducted in 61 (35) Inam villages, comprising 8,777 (7,089) Hissas. Hissa Survey Work

753. Original survey and settlement was introduced into 47 (44) Inam villages.

Work in Government Villages.

754. There were 6,737 (6,562) Darkhast and Mutation Phodi, while the number of Hadbust, Record of Rights and other miscellaneous records disposed of during the year were 22,603 (11,111).

755. Under Land Records Phodi and other miscellaneous measurement, 19,951 (17,913) blocks were measured with an extent of 63,538 (55,784) acres in 4,403 (8,688) villages.

756. Detailed classification work was done in 4,207 (7,723) villages with an extent of 54,570 (41,794) acres. Classification

757. The number of newly phoded survey numbers or blocks in respect of which the boundary marks erected were 18,684 (13,665) in 4,026 (4,863) villages. Bandh Pahani